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Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the following paragraph that was added previously after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 27 of the present specification as follows:

~~Fig. 2 illustrates that each individual lamellae 40 of each lamella ring 42, 43 includes a separate adjusting motor 45. The adjusting motors 45 move the lamellae 40 in a radial direction to alter a position of the contacting edge 41 of each lamellae 40 relative to the outer diameter surface of the pipe 10. An advantage of providing a separate motor 45 for each lamellae 40 is that the radial position of each lamellae 40 can be adjusted individually relative to the lamellae of a given ring of lamellae (e.g., adjustment of one lamellae 40 in ring 42 relative to other lamellae 40 within ring 42), as well as being adjusted relative to lamellae of an adjacent ring of lamellae (e.g., adjustment of one lamellae 40 in ring 42 relative to a position of a lamellae 40 in ring 43). As a result, a radial adjustment of one lamellae 40 can be made without altering a radial position of any other lamellae. A related advantage of this configuration is that no connecting members between the lamellae 40 are required such that the lamellae 40 are free to move independently of the other lamellae within a given lamellae ring and of all adjacent lamellae rings.~~